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SUBJECT: WMO: 26TH SESSION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC),
SEPTEMBER 20-27: WRAP-UP.

SUMMARY: EC ADJOURNED 26TH SESSION TODAY WITH ADOPTION
PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR 1974 AND COMPLETION ALL REMAINING
ITEMS. CA I RESOLUTION ON PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA
HANDLED QUIETLY AND WITHOUT POLITICAL POLEMICS WHICH
HOVERED OVER THIS ISSUE FROM OUTSET. HIGHLIGHTS OF SESSION
FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

1. ITEM 2.3(9): REPORT OF RA I, RESOLUTION 38 CONCERNING
SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL. EC ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE DECISION
NOTING THIS RESOLUTION. EC NOTED THAT THAT PART OF RESOLUTION
REQUESTING STUDY OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT TO CONVENTION
PERMIT EXPULSION SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL DEALT WITH
MATTERS WITHIN COMPETENCE OF EC AND CONGRESS AND SHOULD
THEREFORE HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED IN FORM OF RECOMMENDATION
IN ACCORDANCE GEN. REG. 158. EC AGREED THAT SEC GEN
WOULD EXAMINE THIS SECTION OF RESOLUTION AND REPORT TO
26TH EC. DEBATE THIS ITEM RESTRAINED AND NEVER CAME
TO GRIPS WITH SUBSTANCE OF RA I REQUEST. ALMOST ALL
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MEMBERS EC, INCLUDING NOTABLY TAHA (EGYPTIAN AND

PRESIDENT EC) AND ABAYOMI (NIGERIAN AND PRESIDENT RA I) MANIFESTED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN THAT ISSUE BE HANDLED IN FASHION DESIGNED AVOID ACRIMONIOUS POLITICAL DEBATE IN EC. SOVIET AND PRC MEMBERS THOUGHT EC SHOULD TAKE STRONG DECISION ON ISSUE, BUT DID NOT PRESS. ISSUE HAS NOT BEEN BURIED FOR GOOD IN WMO, BUT AT LEAST THIS SESSION ENDED ON NOTE OF COMPROMISE, ON PROCEDURE IF NOT ON SUBSTANCE. RELATED ISSUE THIS ITEM (EXPLORATION ALTERNATE REGIONAL CENTERS TO REPLACE THOSE NOW IN SOUTH AFRICA) REFERRED BACK TO RA I BY EC ON GROUNDS IT MATTER TO BE DEALT WITH IN FIRST INSTANCE BY RA I ITSELF.

2. ITEM 3.2(1): PANEL ON METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITES. APPROVED ESTABLISHMENT THIS PANEL ALONG LINES PROPOSED BY U.S. MEMBER, WHICH BROADLY ENDORSED IN DISCUSSION THIS ITEM.

3. ITEM 4.2(6): INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FGGE. EC APPROVED ESTABLISHMENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL TO CONSIST OF REPRESENTATIVES OF AUSTRALIA, CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, JAPAN, UK, USSR, U.S., NIGERIA, AND BRAZIL WITH INVITED PARTICIPANTS OF ICSU, JOC, ESRO, IOC, AND PRESIDENTS CBS AND CAS. IN RARE INTERVENTION CPR MEMBER STATED HE TOOK INVITATION HIS COUNTRY NAME REPRESENTATIVE TO THIS PANEL AS FRIENDLY GESTURE WHICH DEEPLY APPRECIATED. NEVERTHELESS, CPR COULD NOT PARTICIPATE THIS ACTIVITY SO LONG AS "CHANG-KAI-SHEK CLIQUE" REMAINED MEMBER OF ICSU WHICH WAS TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH PANEL'S ACTIVITIES. HE CALLED ON ICSU TO FOLLOW UN EXAMPLE AND EXPELL "ALL ELEMENTS TAIWAN CLIQUE." UNTIL THIS DONE CPR WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN FGGE. ICSU REP PRESENT DURING DISCUSSION DID NOT REPEAT NOT RESPOND, AND NO OTHER MEMBER SPOKE ON ISSUE. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PANEL FULLY CONSISTENT U.S. POSITION.

4. ITEM 4.3: WEATHER AND CLIMATE MODIFICATION: EC AUTHORIZED SEC GEN TO HIRE EXPERTS TO PROVIDE ADVICE TO COUNTRIES REQUESTING ADVICE ON OPERATIONAL WEATHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES. ALSO DECIDED TO CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION BY HIGHLY QUALIFIED SCIENTISTS OF SMALL NUMBER OF WEATHER MODIFICATION EXPERIMENTS TO OBTAIN AUTHORITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF RESULTS.

5. ITEM 5.6(5): ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION. EC ADOPTED RESOLUTION ENDORSING FULL COOPERATION WMO WITH UNEP AND APPROPRIATED \$30,000 (UNDER ITEM 7) ENABLE SEC GEN

RESPOND REQUESTS OF UNEP IN PRE-PLANNING ACTIVITIES.

6. ITEM 7: PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR 1974. APPROVED
1974 BUDGET OF \$6,750,030, OF WHICH \$6,720,380 TO
BE COVERED BY ASSESSMENTS ON MEMBER STATES. AS APPROVED,
BUDGET REFLECTS REDUCTION OF \$84,900 FROM SEC GEN'S
BUDGET PROPOSALS IN DOC. 55. EC ALSO APPROVED UNDER
ITEM 9 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1973 OF \$233,400
AS RECOMMENDED BY SEC GEN IN DOC. 52.

7. ITEM 9.6(8): FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR 1972. THIS
OTHERWISE ROUTINE ITEM NOTABLE ONLY AS RESULT EC
DECISION, TAKEN WITHOUT DEBATE, TO WRITE OFF BOOKS
UNPAID ROC ASSESSMENT OF \$21,906.

8. ITEM 9.6(11): ASSESSMENTS ON NEW MEMBERS. EC
ESTABLISHED PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENTS, IN ACCORDANCE
FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RESOLUTION 29 OF SIXTH
CONGRESS, FOR BANGLADESH AND GDR AT ONE UNIT AND
FIFTEEN UNITS RESPECTIVELY.

9. ITEM 9.6(12): CURRENCY AND PERIODICITY OF WMO
BUDGETS: EC DECIDED REEXAMINE QUESTION OF DENOMINA-
TION BUDGET IN DOLLARS OR SWISS FRANCS AND TWO-VERSUS
4-YEAR BUDGET AT NEXT EC, SINCE CHANGE IN EITHER COULD
ONLY BE DECIDED BY CONGRESS. DISCUSSION THIS ITEM
REVEALED LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR ANY CHANGE FROM PRESENT
PRACTICE.

10. DECIDED TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION EC SHOULD MEET
DURING PERIOD MID-MAY TO MID-JUNE, 1974, PRECISE DATES
TO BE FIXED BY BUREAU.BASSIN

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